

MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE

Torrance, California.
May 5, 1926.

An adjourned, regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, May 5, 1926, and was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Dennis. The following Trustees were present: Brooks, Foley, Wolfe and Dennis. Absent: Inman.

A few minutes recess was declared.

At 7:40 p.m., the meeting was again called to order--Trustee Inman now being present.

President Dennis asked the Board what disposition they wished to make of the petition favoring Mr. Phillips as Chief of Police?

Trustee Inman moved that the petition be filed. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

President Dennis stated that, as the Chief's salary was set by ordinance and no ordinance had, as yet, been finally passed, it would be necessary to appoint an acting Chief for the time being.

Trustee Wolfe said that the position of Chief of Police for the City should be filled by a man who has not been mixed up in Torrance politics and one who has no political promises to fulfill; that he had a person in mind who could fill this position--a man who is honest, capable and just, and

moved that Mr. G. M. Calder be appointed as a police officer of the City of Torrance with power of acting Chief, at a salary of \$225. per month, effective May 5, 1926, continuing until further orders.

Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

President Dennis introduced Mr. Calder to the assemblage

The Clerk read the resignation of J. J. Jessup as City Engineer. Trustee Foley moved that Mr. Jessup's resignation be accepted with regrets, such resignation to be effective as of June 1, 1926.

Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

Trustee Wolfe introduced Frank R. Leonard as a competent, careful engineer who had had connections in this vicinity for some time; that he would give good satisfaction in the position and was the man the City wanted, and

moved that Frank R. Leonard be appointed City Engineer and Building Inspector at a salary of \$300.00 per month--using his own car--effective as of June 1, 1926.

Trustee Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

President Dennis stated that that was all he had on the table for tonight, however, he would like to call the Board's attention to the lights on Redondo Blvd; that the people were paying \$150.00 per month for these lights and that it seemed to him as though the City was spending a lot of money that was doing very little good; that the lights were not even a good advertisement as coming from Redondo one ran into a well lighted field and on approaching the residential district it again became dark; that the town needs lights and we know it, but how the town feels about bonds we do not know.

Trustee Brooks said that when the lights were put in, arrangements should have been made to cut off every other light, but, owing to an error, such was not done and that the Edison Co. claims the transformer is not so constituted to carry the overload; that it seemed to him that the Edison Co. should be required to put in a satisfactory transformer.

The President thought the City should not pay any of the estimated cost of \$500.00 or \$600.00 for a new transformer.

Trustee Foley moved that the matter be referred to the Police and Light committee for investigation. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion which was duly carried.

Trustee Brooks moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Trustee Foley seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES; Trustees: Brooks, Foley, Inman, Wolfe and Dennis.

NOES; Trustees: None.

ABSENT; Trustees: None.

At 8:00 p.m., Trustee Brooks moved to adjourn. Trustee Wolfe seconded the motion which was duly carried.

A. H. Barrett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

John Dennis
President of the Board of Trustees
of the City of Torrance.